Setting up of a Project to Study the History of Science and Technology during Medieval Period

@4286. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project to study History of Science and Technology during the medieval period, was established at Lucknow in 1983;

(b) whether the work on the said project has since been completed; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what amount was allotted for the project;

(d) whether it is a fact that a decision to hand over the project to a non-Government body has been taken, without consulting the Research Team of Project working at Lucknow; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. A project on the History of Science and technology during the medieval period was awarded in 1983 by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to Professor Wazir Hasan Abdi, Retired Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Cochin, at Lucknow.

(b) The work on the project is continuing. Professor Abdi resigned from the project in 1986. However alternative arrangements have been made to complete the project.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 6.8 lakh has been incurred on the project till March, 1988 and an additional expenditure of Rs. 60,000/- is envisaged to complete the project by March, 1990.

(d) and (e) National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies in consultation with its Research Advisory Committee (RAC) awards projects to distinguished scholars in their individual capacity irrespective of their belonging to Government or Non-government body. NISTADS in consultation with the RAC decided to entrust only the portion of the work pertaining to historical account of the project to Professor Harbans Mukhiya, a Distinguished Scholar of the Jawaharlal Nehru University at Delhi, after the non-availability of the services of Professor Abdi at Lucknow.

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पोलियो निरोधक दवा का स्वदेशी उत्पादन

†4287. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश ने पोलियो निरोधक दवा के उत्पादन में आत्मनिर्भरता प्राप्त नहीं की है और उस का आयात करना पड़ता है ;

(ख) क्या ऐसी दवाओं का स्वदेश में ही विनिर्माण करने के लिये कोई अनुसंधान किया जा रहा है ;

†पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 2583, 17 अगस्त, 1988 को स्थानान्तरित